

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (withdrawn): A printing substrate, said printing substrate comprising a weft inserted, warp knit fabric web having at least an 8X9 construction.

Claims 2-9 (canceled)

Claim 10 (withdrawn): A printing substrate, said printing substrate comprising a weft inserted, warp knit fabric web finished in a single operation having at least an 8X9 construction.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 10, wherein said fabric web is substantially distortion free.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 11, wherein the variation in the warp direction of the finished fabric web is less than about 6%.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 12, wherein the variation in the warp direction of the finished fabric web is less than about 3%.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 11, wherein the variation in the weft direction of the finished fabric web is less than about 16%.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 14, wherein the variation in the weft direction of the finished fabric web is less than about 5%.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 10, wherein said finished fabric web is formed from synthetic yarn.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 16, wherein said finished fabric web is formed from polyester yarn.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 10, wherein said finished fabric web is greater than about 72 inches wide.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 18, wherein said finished fabric web is greater than about 96 inches wide.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 19, wherein said finished fabric web is greater than about 120 inches wide.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 10, wherein said fabric web is formed with between about an 8X9 and an 18X18 construction.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 21, wherein said fabric web is formed with about a 9X18 construction.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The printing substrate according to Claim 10, wherein said fabric web is formed from at least 500d ends.

Claims 24-44 (canceled)

Claim 45 (withdrawn): A method for forming and finishing a continuous fabric web in a single operation to produce a printing substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) forming a continuous fabric web at a fabric web forming station; and

- (b) receiving said continuous fabric web directly from said fabric web forming station and providing a print receptive finishing treatment to said continuous fabric web.

Claim 46 (withdrawn): A method for forming and finishing a continuous fabric web in a single operation to produce a printing substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) forming a continuous fabric web at a fabric web forming station; and
- (b) receiving said continuous fabric web directly from said fabric web forming station and providing a finishing treatment to said continuous fabric web at a finishing station, said finishing station including: an applicator having (i) a liquid, print receptive coating supply; (ii) an elongated pan extending across the width of said fabric web for containing said liquid coating; and (iii) an elongated knurled roller positioned in said pan in direct contact with said liquid coating and in direct contact with the bottom surface of said fabric web, whereby the rotation of said knurled roller transfers a predetermined amount of said liquid coating to said fabric web.

Claim 47 (withdrawn): A method for forming and finishing a continuous fabric web in a single operation to produce a printing substrate, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) forming a continuous fabric web at a fabric web forming station;
- (b) receiving said continuous fabric web directly from said fabric web forming station and providing a finishing treatment to said continuous fabric web at a finishing station, said finishing station including: an applicator having (i) a liquid, print receptive coating supply; (ii) an elongated pan extending across the width of said fabric web for containing said liquid coating; and (iii) an elongated knurled roller positioned in said pan in direct contact with said liquid coating and in direct contact with the bottom surface of said fabric web, whereby the rotation of said knurled roller transfers a predetermined amount of said liquid coating to said fabric web; and

- (c) providing a fabric web reserve between said fabric web forming station and said finishing station.

Claim 48 (new): A method of forming and finishing a printing substrate in a single operation comprising:

- (a) knitting a weft inserted, warp knit fabric web having at least an 8X9 construction in an operation; and
- (b) applying a print receptive coating to said fabric web during said single operation.

Claim 49 (new): The method according to Claim 48 further including accumulating said printing substrate prior to applying said print receptive coating.

Claim 50 (new): The method according to Claim 48 further including applying a flame retardant to the printing substrate during said single operation.